



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5491**

LCO No. 1623

Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
REP. JUTILA, 37th Dist.

**AN ACT EXPANDING THE POWERS AND PROTECTIONS OF SWORN AGENTS AND SWORN UNIFORMED DIVISION OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That sections 53a-19, 53a-22 and 54-170 be amended to grant any  
2 sworn agent or sworn uniformed division officer of the United States  
3 Secret Service the same powers and protections currently afforded  
4 "peace officers", as defined by section 53a-3 of the general statutes,  
5 including, but not limited to (1) protection from the duty to retreat  
6 when said agent or officer knows avoiding the necessity of using  
7 deadly physical force is possible; (2) the power to use physical or,  
8 under certain circumstances, deadly force to effect an arrest pursuant  
9 to a warrant or preventing escape from custody, unless the agent or  
10 officer knows such warrant is invalid; (3) the power to arrest without a  
11 warrant (a) upon reasonable information that the courts of a state have  
12 charged the arrested person with a crime punishable by death or  
13 imprisonment for over one year, and (b) if the agent or officer brings  
14 the arrested person before a judge with all practicable speed, and the  
15 court, under oath, makes a complaint setting forth the grounds for  
16 arrest and hears the arrested person's answer as if an arrest warrant

17 existed; and (4) the power to obtain and serve search and arrest  
18 warrants for financial crimes and to arrest without warrant when a  
19 person commits a felony in their presence and when said agent or  
20 officer has probable cause to believe that the person arrested  
21 committed or is committing that offense.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To grant to sworn agents and sworn uniformed division officers of the United States Secret Service certain enforcement powers and protections currently afforded to peace officers, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes.